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TOPIC KVP in the Eggesin Area

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12,000 to 15,000 men presently were in the Eggesin-Torgelow area. About forty percent of the barracks installations were occupied by troops. A total of 143 men failed to return from Christmas or New Year's leave. Thirty-one of these men returned later

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2. From 30 January to 1 February 1954, about 400 soldiers wearing new uniforms departed in squads aboard regular trains for Eberswalde, Bernau and other towns north of Berlin from where they allegedly travelled to East Berlin. The men apparently were selected soldiers of various units who were considered reliable. No troop trains or trains with materiel were observed during the time of information.

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3. That a shipment of 300 factory-new six-wheeled ZIS trucks came in in early January 1954; about 70 of these trucks were unloaded at Eggesin; and 60 of these trucks were taken to Rugen Island.

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4. Eighteen 57-mm AT guns were in a garage of the Karpin installation on 18 January 1954. Two Molotov radio trucks were stored near a garage on 19 January 1954. At least 70 sidecar motorcycles, 3 T-34/85 tanks and 3 six-wheeled armored personnel carriers were in a garage in the afternoon on 22 January 1954. About 30 T-34/85 tanks and at least 12 four-wheeled armored scout cars were in garages of the installation on 1 February 1954. Eleven 57-mm AT guns and eighteen 76-mm field guns were in the wooded area near Karpin on 2 February 1954. Twelve T-34/85 tanks, six four-wheeled armored scout cars and five 57-mm AT guns fronting Eggesin were at the edge of the woods on 6 February 1954.

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5. On 18 January 1954, two T-34/85 tanks practiced driving in the wooded area near Karpin installation. At about 5 p.m. on 20 January 1954, ten vehicles with blackout lights left the installation for the terrain; they were believed to be involved in a night driving exercise. At about 9 a.m. on 3 February 1954, four groups, each of which numbered about 30 men and was equipped with five machine guns, left the C buildings of the installation for the woods.

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At about 10 a.m. on 7 February, four squads, each numbering four soldiers and supervised by one officer, drilled with four 57-mm AT guns between the garages of the installation. Motor vehicles observed at the Karpin installation from 18 to 22 January 1954 included jeeps
sedans trucks

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6. On Mondays through Fridays from 30 January to 12 February 1954, tank exercises including record firing were held in the terrain east of the Spechtberg installation. Ten canvas-covered tanks were in each of four garages of the installation on 30 January 1954. They allegedly were JS tanks.⁵
7. On 12 February 1954, [] it was planned to add five compartments to each garage in the Altwarp, Broegeheide, Karpin and Spechtberg installations. The foundation walls were partially completed at the time of information.⁶
8. From 1 to 13 February 1954, the Bereitschaftslager (camp) on the southern perimeter of Eggesin quartered an estimated 400 KVPs. Most of the soldiers formerly quartered in the camp had allegedly moved to the barracks installations in the wooded area. Soldiers leaving or entering the camp wore red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black, and black-bordered blue, collar patches. The dependents of 15 to 20 Soviet officers were billeted in the camp for a couple of weeks.¹
9. A civilian employee working in the camp said that a meeting involving Soviet officers and all German officers stationed at the barracks installations in the wooded area was held in the camp every Thursday afternoon. [] about 250 KVP officers from the Mecklenburg area held a conference at the camp on 31 January and 1 February 1954.
10. During the time of information, the barracks installation in the Karpin woods quartered an estimated 5,000 men. [] the installation was not occupied to capacity. Soldiers entering or leaving the installation wore red-bordered black, black-bordered blue, and red collar patches. About 75 percent of the standard buildings were occupied at the time of information. KVP officers' dependents still moved into the buildings at irregular intervals. Construction activity in the installation had completely discontinued at the time of information, but shipments of lime and cement came in daily despite the frosty weather. Since an undetermined date, about 400 men who were granted weekend leave left the installation on Fridays and came back on Mondays.¹
11. At 8 a.m. on 9 February 1954, three groups each numbering 30 men came from the wooded area and passed through Eggesin toward the terrain south of the Schlossberg (Hill), from where they returned at about 12 a.m. At about 10 a.m., about 20 reports of guns were heard from the Hoelkebaum area, and reports of rifles were continuously heard from the wooded area southeast of Eggesin all day long. From 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. on 11 February 1954, and from 10 to 11 a.m. on 12 February 1954, reports of mortars were heard from the Neumuehl area. On 13 February 1954, rifle and machine gun fire was heard from the wooded area southeast of Eggesin all day long. Starting at 2 p.m. on 4 and 5 February 1954, guns fired three salvos of 15 to 20 rounds at intervals of about 30 minutes in the Hoelkebaum area.

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12. Motor vehicles observed at the wooded area included:

Sedans

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Trucks

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Jeeps

Ambulances

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13. On 15 February 1954, the Installation VIII in Karpin quartered an estimated 6,000 KVP's, who wore red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black, black, red and middle-blue epaulets. [redacted] the 1st Kommando was stationed at the C section. Officers from this billeting area included Major Markowski (fnu), administrative officer, and Lieutenant Zenge (fnu), supply officer.¹

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14. Presumably due to the cold weather, outdoor training was limited at Installation VIII prior to late January 1954. Intensive combat training around the installation began in early February 1954. Weapons involved included numerous machine guns, four light mortars and one 57-mm AT gun. About 45 men wearing yellow-bordered black epaulets were trained as telephone operators in the E section. Single reports of heavy guns were frequently heard from the Forken-Jaegertruedeck - Glashuette area.⁴

15. On 15 February, the Spechtberg installation quartered an estimated 3,000 men who [redacted] formed three tank regiments. The soldiers wore middle-blue or red-bordered black epaulets. Two T-34/85 tanks and one SU-100 SP gun were in the installation.⁵

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16. Motor vehicles observed in the Eggesin-Spechtberg area from 20 July to 15 February 1954 included:

Sedans

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Trucks

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Jeeps

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17. The alert in Eggesin area was lifted in about mid-February 1954. Soldiers were again granted leaves.⁷

1. Comment. It is believed that all military installations in this area, which include Gr.Stallberg, Droegeheide, Spechtberg, Eggesin, Karpin and Altwarp quarter about 15,000 men.
2. Comment. Previous information indicated that selected KVPs and VPs were assigned security missions in Berlin during the four-power conference.
3. Comment. A previous report stated that a shipment of about 300 trucks arrived in the Eggesin area. It is believed that these vehicles were allocated to the three divisions of Armeegruppe Nord. 25X1
4. Comment. It is believed that the weapons observed belong to the three mechanized regiments quartered in the C, D, and E sections of the Karpin installation. 25X1
5. Comment. The medium tank regiment, the heavy tank SP regiment and the tank instruction battalion of the Eggesin Division are stationed at Spechtberg. The heavy tank SP regiment is equipped with JS-2 tanks. The occupation strength of 3,000 men is overestimated.
6. Comment. Additional garages are also scheduled to be constructed in numerous other KVP posts in 1954. 25X1
7. Comment. After the termination of the four-power conference, there was no longer any reason for the alert.

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